GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ADULTERATION IN KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing incidents of adulteration in kerosene;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the adulteration;

(c) whether the Government have received the complaints of laxity being shown by the State Governments to implement the `Delivered Supply Scheme` of kerosene formulated in the year 1994; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) to (d) There is reportedly no adulteration in Kerosene (SKO) by any adulterant.However, due to price differential between Kerosene and Petrol/Diesel, there is a possibility that some persons may resort to adulteration of automobile fuels by SKO. The oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further , to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System) , furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are undertaken by the oil companies. The States are of the opinion that Delivered Supply Scheme of kerosene is step towards prevention of diversion of PDS Kerosene. It would also ensure that the kerosene reaches the target. The scheme has been introduced in some of the states.